

Postgraduate study

Funding advice



Introduction

Following a funding review at the Musicians Benevolent Fund, we have made changes to the way our Postgraduate Performance Awards and other associated awards are administered. For courses beginning in September 2012, application is by nomination from the major performing colleges and conservatoires only. The closing date for nominations will be in March 2012.

To be eligible for any of the Musicians Benevolent Fund Awards (including all of its subsidiary schemes) you must be British or Irish or have lived in the UK for at least five consecutive years at the closing date for applications.

There are, however, several other charitable organisations which can assist postgraduates and details of these can be found on our Funding Wizard (helpmusicians.org.uk/fundingwizard)

We are providing the information below to help musicians who seek financial support to continue their studies.

Other funding for postgraduate music courses

In the first instance we would advise you to contact your chosen place of study about the funding that they can offer to students. Many colleges have a variety of bursaries and scholarships on offer and they may also be able to advise you how to access external funding.

The **British Music Education Yearbook** published by Rhinegold is a very useful source of funding information and is available in many public libraries or for purchase at rhinegold.co.uk

The **Worshipful Company of Musicians** offers scholarships for postgraduate performance courses. As with the Musicians Benevolent Fund's awards, application is by nomination only. For more details please see their website wcom.org.uk.

The Philharmonia Orchestra offer awards under several categories through the **Martin Music Scholarship Fund**. The MMSF assists talented musicians between study and full time professional status. Awards are also given for assistance with tuition and maintenance while studying. For more information please visit their website philharmonia.co.uk/about/mmsf/application.

The **Countess of Munster Musical Trust** offers support to British postgraduate students undertaking study at home or abroad, commonwealth postgraduate students undertaking study in the UK and postgraduate students undertaking special study at home or abroad. There will be application forms available for online submission from early December. For more information please visit their website munstertrust.org.uk/awards.htm.

Singers

The **Royal Philharmonic Society** administers the Susan Chilcott Scholarships which support professional classical singers to undertake advanced training or career development. For more information please see their website royalphilharmonicsociety.org.uk.

Composition

The **RVW Trust** gives grants to support contemporary and recent British music, this includes support for post – graduate students of composition taking first masters degrees at British institutions. Please visit the website for further information rvwtrust.org.uk.

Funding tools and other useful links

Funding directories

Turn2Us turn2us.org.uk

Funding Central fundingcentral.org.uk

Musicians Benevolent Fund funding wizard helpmusicians.org.uk/fundingwizard

The Countess of Munster Musical Trust munstertrust.org.uk/Funding_Guide/fghp.htm

Association of Charitable Foundations – advice on applying to a charitable trust.acf.org.uk

Advice for creative careers

Creative Choices – advice on creative careers creative-choices.co.uk

Music Education UK – music education magazine musiceducationuk.com

The **British Music Education Yearbook** (published annually) is a useful source of information, including listings of funding bodies, and can be found in libraries or purchased from the Rhinegold website

The **Directory of Grant Making Trusts** is published annually by the Directory of Social Change and should be available in your local library.

Muso Magazine – bi-monthly magazine for music students and young professionals musolife.com

General Higher Education funding advice

The Times Higher Education timeshighereducation.co.uk

The Guardian advice for students guardian.co.uk/education/advice-for-students

Student Cash Point studentcashpoint.co.uk

Hotcourses scholarship course scholarship-search.org.uk

UK Council for international students ukcisa.org.uk/student/source_funding.php

British Council scholarships britishcouncil.org/learning-funding-your-studies.htm